GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned Government schemes for minorities have not trickled down NCW appearing in The Times of India dated August 18, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to create awareness amongst the minorities, especially women, about the welfare schemes related to them through grass-root levels and also to simplify the procedure in regard to these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The news item concerns the report, published it in March 2000, on the status of Muslim Women in India, entitled Voice of Voicelessthat was written by Ms. Syeda SaiyidainHameed, who was a Member of the National Commission for Women at that time.

(c) : The various steps taken by government in this regard include the publication of booklets containing the gist and formats of the relevant schemes. Also from time to time, the state governments have been instructed to give wide and adequate publicity to the different educational schemes for minorities.